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**REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Chakrabarti et al	) Confirmation No.:
		) 4078
Serial No.:	10/023,132	)
		) Group Art Unit:
Filed:	12/18/2001	) 1624
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For:	Process for preparing 2-methyl-thieno- benzodiazepine	) Examiner
		) Brenda L. Coleman
Docket No.:	G-1265I	)

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003, paper number 6, the Office subjected pending claims 1-26 to a restriction requirement.

**REMARKS**

The Office set forth a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-13, 25, and 26 drawn to the process of preparing 2-methyl-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazine)-10H-thieno[2,3-b][1,5]-benzodiazepine compounds of formula I, classified in class 540, subclass 557.

Group II – Claims 14-20, drawn to the intermediate compounds of formula II, classified in class 540, subclass 557.